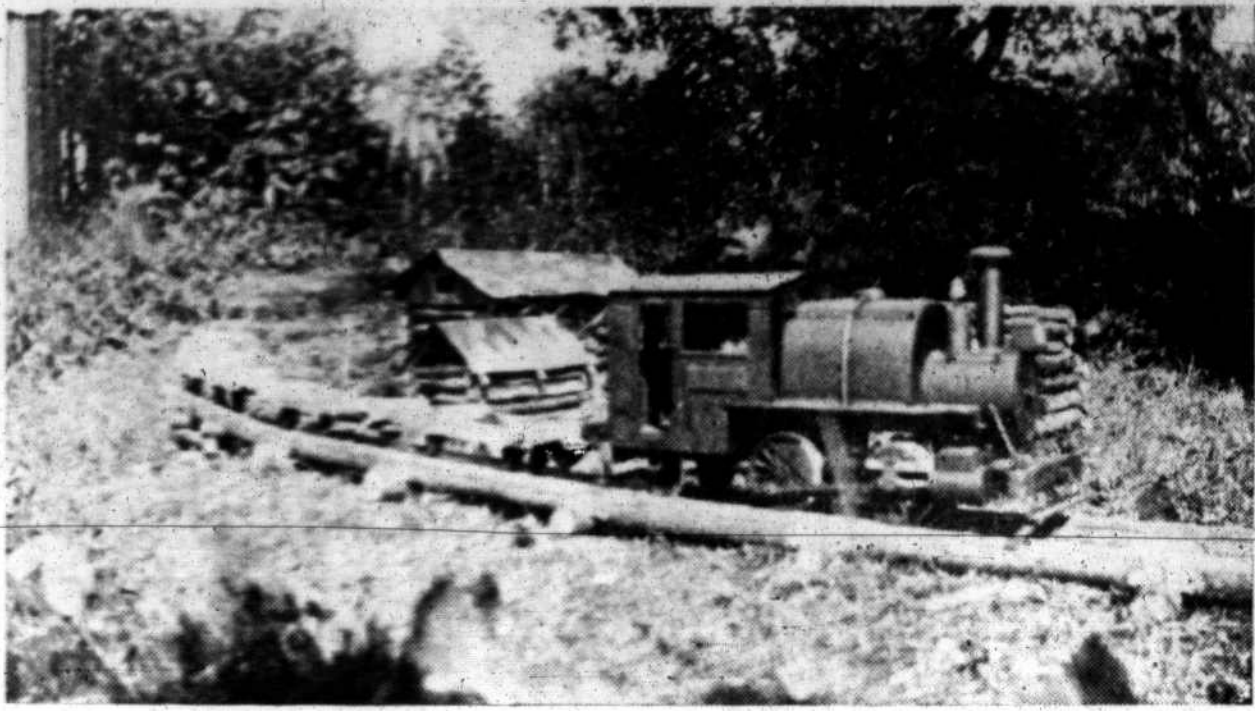


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## LITTLE JIM

(By Capt. E. S. Smith)

Many years ago when I was a small boy up in the Huntersville neighborhood, I witnessed a close race between a dog and a cat. The cat getting through a small hole under a porch some eighteen inches ahead of the dog's arrival, and I remarked that that was what I would call a close race, but Jake Loury, who was present, said "Son that is what I would call just one darned thing after another," and so it has been just one thing after another that has led up to this sketch and picture.

Two or three years ago while looking over the Old Time exhibit at the Pocahontas County Fair, I met up with a couple of old white pine loggers, and after a pretty close inspection we decided that the pioneer section was not complete without some relic of the white pine days and as we talked it over with others of the old bunch, the idea grew and at last we decided to make a model of a real old timer and place it in Summers McNeil's "Hall of Fame"—and so, ladies and gentlemen, allow me to introduce to you Pocahontas County's first locomotive "Little Jim."

Little Jim was a Porter type, saddle tank, narrow gauge, wood burner equipped with hand brakes, weighed about seven tons and had drive wheels about the size of the modern box car wheels, and was first used in the white pine woods near Dummore about the year of 1885 by Capt. A. E. Smith, who was one of the pioneer white pine operators of Pocahontas county and who was identified with the white pine industry until the original growth was exhausted about the year 1901.

During spare moments as I whitened out the little model for the exhibit, my mind quite naturally drifted back to the days of "Little Jim" and the white pine. I was surprised at the number of faces and names that I could recall; many of which I had not seen or heard of in thirty years. Thinking that others of the old bunch might be interested, I decided to try to dig up the history of "Jim" and called upon Capt. Smith to help me out. In order to get as many facts as possible he called a meeting of about thirty of the old boys in a kind of a reunion at Old Johnson's restaurant where they had an old time camp dinner and talked over old times. From all accounts it was a most enjoyable time spent in recalling the days of "And Long Sme" in the pine woods, and I wish to acknowledge with thanks the notes furnished by Captain Smith, Fred Griffith, Howard McKelwee, Harper Smith, Auburn Friel and George Ginger which contained items of interest not only of "Jim," but the white pine days in general and so I will pass them on.

Pocahontas seems to have a monopoly on West Virginia's white pine supply, there being a white pine belt some fifty or sixty miles long by eight or ten miles wide between the top of the Allegheny mountain and Greenbrier river. Any one interested as to the way of this small area may get an explanation from Mr. Price's editorial in a recent issue of the Times and as this has to do with the taking out of the timber and nothing whatever with the cutting, I there. We are going to let you look that up yourself.

Not very long after the Civil War there was a small amount of white pine cut somewhere in the neighborhood of Clawson Spring or maybe Harter Sliding, by the Col. Clay, and it was this timber that made up the first log drive to go down the Greenbrier, but it was not until about the year of 1882 that the white pine logging in Pocahontas commenced in earnest, and while from that time on there were various firms and contractors engaged in cutting it was Smith & Whiting that owned "Jim" and built the first railroad in Pocahontas and were about the best example of the pine industry, and a description of their operations will cover the picture, and they might be called the pioneers.

In 1882 Capt. A. E. Smith came to Pocahontas from Pennsylvania under a contract with the St. Lawrence Lumber & Mfg. Co. to operate a certain hollow at the lower end of the George Slips place on Deer Creek, at which camp he spent the year.

His next contract was what was known as the Geiger tract facing on the Greenbrier river above Leather bark ford, the camp being located

on Deer Creek on the old Jacob Hughes place.

The next year he built camps at the mouth of Clay Hollow on Deer Creek and operated a section of timber bought by the St. Lawrence Lumber & Mfg. Co. known as the Ben Butler or Wilson Survey, this being his last work on Deer Creek.

In the spring of 1885 he took a contract on what was known as the McCutchen tract near Dummore, which because of its location had to be operated by railroad and his contract called for his furnishing his own equipment, he went to the H. K. Porter Locomotive Co at Pittsburg and contracted for the engine known as "Little Jim."

When the engine was finished they asked him what name to stencil on it, that is, what was the name of his railroad. The Captain it seems, had not taken the trouble to name it anything, but thinking of his baby boy at home he decided to name it after him, so he told them to name it "Jim" and the name stuck.

This engine was shipped by rail to Staunton, Va. and there it was broken down and transported on wagons from Staunton to Dummore, a distance of eighty five miles and over seven mountains and over roads that were none too good. A man named Frank George coming from the Locomotive Works with the engine to set it up and put it in working order.

The first year the Captain built two and one half miles of sixteen pound (to the yard) steel rail from Staunton. After operating on the McCutchen tract for one year he sold out to the Company and, they operated for two years, then the Captain went back and ran the works two years for the Company, who after finishing the McCutchen tract, moved their camps and railroad to Cummings Creek near Huntersville, and operated there for one year. This was 1889.

After this one year on Cummings Creek the St. Lawrence Company quit logging themselves and sold the outfit back to Captain Smith who took in as partners James A. Whiting and Frank Griffith, operating under the name of Smith, Whiting & Co. Mr. Griffith only lived about one year after the forming of this partnership and from his death on, the firm was known as Smith & Whiting.

This partnership was formed about the year 1890. After finishing up in the Cummings Creek neighborhood, the camps and railroad were moved to Rimmel near the top of Allegheny where they operated something like four years and while this was "Jim's" last work in the white pine, Smith & Whiting continued operating at various places until the pine was finished. Their last drive from Knapps Creek was in the spring of 1901. The camps this season having been located on my father's farm two miles above Huntersville. After the white pine was gone they operated in the hemlock and spruce timber at Whiting Sliding, three miles west of Durbin, operating on a large saw mill and railroad there, but on this railroad they used geared engines because of the heavy grade.

This, if I remember rightly, was Smith & Whiting's last large operation in Pocahontas county at the completion of which the partnership ended, and Mr. Whiting died a few years later.

Captain Smith still lives at Marlinton and may be seen at his place most every week day, and while he was among the first white pine operators in Pocahontas, he is about the last.

After finishing the Rimmel contract about 1900 "Jim" was sold to another lumber company at August Sliding above Marlinton and after a few years was again sold, this time to The Kidd Kirby & Lilly Lumber Co at Breakneck Sliding, just below Beard station and the last time that I saw this engine it was run out on the dock, apparently scrapped and whether or not it was sold as junk or perhaps used and used again, I have never been able to find out.

As above stated, "Jim" weighed only about seven tons and had atractive effort of 160 tons on a dead level and to run it up beside the modern locomotive weighing two hundred and fifty tons with a tract, the effort of 7,000 tons or more, it would look mighty small, but this little engine filled a big place in Pocahontas, and I'll bet that it'll be a bigger piece in Jim Watson's heart, than any other engine that he ever ran.

Neil Hamilton, Dorothy Gulliver, Ralph Lewis, Claire MacDowell, Thelma Todd, Nigel Barrie.

some of the first ones were Moore, Russell, Jones, Beales and Watson. After coming to Cummings Creek there were only three: Bob Baxter, Len Townes and James Watson. Mr. Watson perhaps running this engine more than any of the others, making the last trip in the pine woods with Harper Smith, now of the First National Bank, as last conductor.

It is said that a man may be classed as being old when he begins to look backward and live in the past. It is pretty hard for the old white pine logger to keep his mind from wandering back to "the good old days" when he had most of his life before him and enough pine resin on his trousers to start a cough drop factory and tomorrow bothered him not at all.

I never heard of a shortage of men in the white pine days, and season after season when the camps opened up along about July there was practically the same old bunch back ready to drop right in where they had left off. They worked hard, were paid well, fed on the best that could be had and no charging for board, and whether one was working or not one was turned away with out being asked to eat, and very few declined the invitation. If a man got sick or crippled he had the combined help of the company and the other men. These are some of the reasons why some of the men who worked for Captain Smith on his first job on Deer Creek were with him when he finished in the white pine some twenty years later.

The old pine camps were well organized affairs, being divided into various departments, the cutting generally being sub contracted, the contractor furnishing his own equipment and camps, and his work was to cut down the trees, cut them into various lengths and take off the bark and if it was work that one was looking for, it could be found in the cutting crew. A cutting crew consisted

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## DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Edray District Democratic Convention was held at the Courthouse on Tuesday afternoon. It was called to order by Dr. Fred Allen. More than twenty were in attendance. J. A. McLaughlin was elected chairman and Miss Daisy Gruber, secretary.

The convention endorsed Andrew Price for the nomination for Supreme Court Judge. The following delegates and alternates were named for the Democratic State Convention at Clarksburg on Wednesday, August 15, and to the Democratic District Judicial convention which will be held at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning August 14 at Lewisburg.

State Convention Delegates—N. R. Price, C. C. Clendenen, J. A. McLaughlin, Miss Muri McClintic, Mrs. M. P. Burr.

Alternates—Mrs. H. C. Soller, Miss Evelyn Coyner, Miss Nancy McNeil, A. P. Edgar, A. N. Barlow.

Judicial Convention—F. M. Snyder, Arnett Yeager, R. R. Hill, Q. W. Poage, Chas. Shinsberg, Mrs. Harper Smith, Miss Betsy Price, Fred Hefner.

Alternates—M. C. Kincaid, Fred McLaughlin, Pat Gay, Dr. J. M. Cofer, Miss Mary Hefner, Miss Anna Lee Ervin, Miss Elizabeth Hill, C. W. Price.

Little Levels District—State Convention Delegates—Dr. H. W. McNeil, D. M. Callison, T. A. Bruffey, F. W. Ruckman.

Alternates—Mrs. H. W. Harper, Miss Leta Heard, Mrs. T. A. Bruffey, Mrs. R. H. Aldridge, R. M. Heard, Mrs. Samuel Sheets.

Judicial Convention Delegates—H. W. Beard, E. B. Callison, Samuel Sheets, Mrs. W. A. Arbogast, Mrs. H. W. McNeil.

Alternates—P. M. Townsend, W. H. Cackley, Mrs. W. D. Clark, W. P. Kershner, Miss Ruth Curry.

Edray District Republican mass convention was held at the Court House Tuesday afternoon. Ira D. Brill was chairman, and J. E. Buckley, secretary. The following were named as delegates to the Judicial convention to be held at Lewisburg next Tuesday:

D. C. Adkinson, J. E. Buckley, G. D. McNeill, C. P. McNeill, N. C. McNeil, S. Reid Moore, W. G. Lancaster, Ira D. Brill, M. S. Wilson, T. J. Mason.

Delegates to the State Convention which meets at Fairmont on next Wednesday, August 15, are Ira D. Brill, J. E. Buckley, C. P. McNeill, W. G. Lancaster, S. H. Sharp.

Delegates to Republican Judicial convention from the Levels District are Alfred Dean, J. L. Morrell, M. C. Smith, Eugene Mitchell, Walter Arbogast. To the State Convention, M. C. Smith, H. M. Elmore, Eugene Mitchell.

## CIRCUS COMING

J. C. Admire, the first advance man for Gentry Brothers Circus, was here this week. The circus will be at Marlinton September 3rd.

## DISTRICT FAIRS

This is the week of the District Fairs in Pocahontas County. Huntersville District meets at Frost on Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon and night, and Greenbank at Greenbank High school on Saturday afternoon. These district fairs are held in preparation for the County Fair.

Greenbank will hold a regular fair, with horse show, and other events, poultry show and household exhibit which includes flowers.

Clawson Duffey found a beautiful fawn caught in a vine near Mt. View last one day a week. The little stranger is now quite tame.

W. L. Smith, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Dunsmore, was one of a class of 110 to graduate from the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago at the completion of the summer term, August 2. There were seventeen denominations, twenty five states and three foreign countries represented in the class.

A large crowd attended the singing service on Droop Mountain last Sunday afternoon. This was the first of a series of song services to be held at the Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park at 2:30 every Sunday afternoon during the present month of August. Morgan Kinlison is the prime mover in this good work.

Simon Schuchat announces that the number winning the nice rocking chair is still out—No. 092459. It not brought in before September 1, the prize will go to substitute number 091959. The second prize, a floor lamp, went to Eva Jackson, and the third prize a rayon corvid, to Mrs. W. D. Stijer.

Rev. Harvey H. Orr and family left last week for Denver, Col., where they will spend a three-weeks vacation. They made the trip in the Reverend's new Ford sedan. The party averaged over 400 miles per day's travel in making this trip, according to a card received dated July 26—Nicholas Republican.

The Four-H Club of Huntersville held their regular monthly meeting at the home of their leader, Mrs. Isaac Barlow on Wednesday. A good program and an interesting meeting. Those present were Norman Phillips, Maynard Barlow, Delbert Abdella, Jack Moore, Harlan Vera, and Lela Buzzard, Lucile and Louise Barlow, Mrs. Isaac Barlow, club leader.

Huntersville District delegates to the Democratic State Convention Mrs. Elva Wilson and J. C. Parper, alternates, E. E. White and John W. Ryder. Delegates to the Judicial Convention Elmer Moore, W. L. Herold and W. H. Barlow, alternates Miss Mamie White, Mrs. Myrta Moore and W. H. Grose.

William Perry of Renick, sends us for exhibition at the Fair an Indian implement of general interest, and of especial interest to the archaeologist. It is one of a set of bolas. It is a naturally round stone with a groove carved around the middle. The stone weighs a pound. This weapon, the bolas, was used by the Indians of certain parts of South America. It consisted of three rock balls, from which it takes its name. These balls were fastened on the ends of straps attached to a handle. The bolas was thrown with great effect, after the manner of the sling shot. The balls and straps entangled the legs of large game. The use of the bolas was not general with the aborigines of North America.

We are obliged to Mr. Forrest Dean, of Minnehaha Springs, for some clear cut fossils from Middle Mountain near the top of the Main Allegheny in Huntersville district, in Pocahontas county. The specimens included some remarkable crinoid stems lying both with and against the strata. These the stem of the stone lily, but a recent writer has thrown a monkey wrench into the machinery by advancing the theory that they are very often the stems of the blastoids. Also the box included the spirifer disjunctus, a two shelled fish with a beak disjoined on either side. Also some products mashed flat. This a round shell fish with delicate rays. Then too the strypha, a rugged shell fish, and signs of ancient mussels. All these found in solid stone of the Devonian period, on a mountain, but which in life lived under the cover of the mighty ocean.

Invitations have just been issued to the wedding of Miss Greta Doyle Payne and Mr. Arthur Guy Stone. The wedding will take place at the Payne residence in Kanawha street on Friday evening, August the seventeenth at nine o'clock.

Miss Payne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Payne, formerly of Pocahontas county, but for many years residents of Charleston. Mr. Stone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Stone, of 1538 Lee street. He is a prominent young attorney of the city and at present holds the position of city solicitor.

The invitations read: Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Jones Payne request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Greta Doyle, to Mr. Arthur Guy Stone on Friday the seventeenth of August, at nine o'clock in the evening, Twenty-one hundred and ten, Kanawha street, Charleston, West Virginia—Charles ton Gazette.

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Dr. J. E. Flow will preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at the union meeting at the Methodist church at 8 p. m.

Darbin Charge M. E. South L. S. Shires, Pastor 11 00 p m Barlow 3 00 p m Bethel 8 00 a m Durbin

Sunday School attendance last Sunday—Methodist, 242; Presbyterian, 176

## MASONIC PICNIC

Riverside Lodge No. 124, of Cass will have their picnic at the Gratz Siasen Sugar Grove near Greenbank on Saturday, August 18. Dinner on the ground. All Masons and their families invited. Transportation from Cass to picnic ground. This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Riverside Lodge.

Marshall Wilson of Elkins is at the home of his uncle, M. S. Wilson.

## OH! SUGAR!

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When the bombs burst, they release life-size figures of various animals that float for several minutes in the air. Everyone should see this phase of our Fair Entertainment

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Twenty-five Cars — Midway Attraction

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The Band Will Be A Big Feature This Year With Miss Tudelle Wilson, Of Huntington, As Soloist

## HORSE SHOW EVENTS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
RUNNING RACES EACH DAY

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## FREE ACTS

Each Afternoon And Night

## CONTESTS

Banjo - Fiddlers - Jigging - Cow Calling - and others

## CHILDREN'S DAY

Saturday, August 25, Free Admission For Children Twelve Years And Under. Special Entertainment For The Children

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A LAST FAREWELL and then  
A RENDEVOUS WITH LOVE OR DEATH  
An Aviation Thriller and a New Pair of Lovers  
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Thursday and Friday — August 9-10th  
Two Shows Each Night—Admission 15-35

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## Seneca Theatre PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY  
Marion Davies in  
"THE FAIR CO-ED"  
"The Fair Co-Ed" takes you through college in two hours.

SATURDAY  
"THE SHIELD OF HONOR"  
The big police melodrama that will stop traffic.

ONLY ONE THRILL—but that thrill will grip you as the first scene flashes and hold you to the last drop of its entrancing romance. An epic tale of the everyday hero in time of peace—The American Policeman. With a great cast including—Neil Hamilton, Dorothy Gulliver, Ralph Lewis, Claire MacDowell, Thelma Todd, Nigel Barrie.

## Also Buster Brown Comedy—"BUSTER'S BIG CHANCE" COMING

MONDAY  
Olive Borden in  
"THE JOY GIRL"

TUESDAY  
Clara Bow in  
"ROUGH HOUSE ROSIE"

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
William Haines in the big production.  
"WEST POINT"

The field class in geology of Columbia University is expected to observe the local formation by a trip this month, the present schedule calling for spending the night at Monterey, August 27, August 28, crossing over the main Allegheny to the top of Cheat Mountain, and returning to be at Marlinton, August 28, August 29th, by way of Hot Springs to Staunton. The expedition is in charge of Professor Wright.